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H. R. 3214

To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to enhance educational opportunity, increase school attendance, and promote self-sufficiency among welfare recipients.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 1993

Mr. KNOLLENBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Children’s Education
5 Opportunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE OPTION TO ESTABLISH LEARNFARE PRO-**
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (44);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (45) and inserting “and;”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (45) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(46) at the option of the State, provide that—

8 “(A) the needs of an individual will not be
9 taken into consideration (or will be only partly
10 taken into consideration) under paragraph (7)
11 for any month if—

12 “(i) the individual has attained the
13 age specified in the applicable State com-
14 pulsory school attendance law at which a
15 child must begin to attend school, but has
16 not attained 17 years of age; and

17 “(ii) the State agency determines that
18 the individual has failed without good
19 cause to regularly attend an elementary,
20 secondary, vocational school, or other ap-
21 propriate school; and

22 “(B) an individual whose needs are not
23 taken into consideration (or are only partly
24 taken into consideration) by reason of subpara-
25 graph (A) shall, nevertheless, be considered to

1 be receiving aid under this part for purposes of
2 determining—

3 “(i) the eligibility for such aid of any
4 other individual to whom paragraph (7)
5 applies; and

6 “(ii) eligibility for medical assistance
7 under the State plan approved under title
8 XIX.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 1994, and
11 shall apply to payments under part A of title IV and title
12 XIX of the Social Security Act for calendar quarters be-
13 ginning on or after such date.

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